

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club  
Townsend TN  
June 16, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by President-elect Kim Overman at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend, TN.

**Attendees:**

Jean Bonarek, Gina Bond, Tanya Copeland, Sharon Gerkin, Ann Graf, Kim Overman, Fran Thomforde, Janie Bitner, Kathy Proctor

**Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded and the minutes from May 18, 2023 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Kim Overman reported utilizing the bank statement. A motion was made and seconded and the report was approved.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Many standing committee chairs were not in attendance at the business meeting; reports were limited to Nominating and Social Committees, with a group discussion for Programs, as described below.

**Nominating Committee: Sharon Gerkin, Chair**

A motion was made to accept Randy Kerns and Tanya Copeland as part of the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Social Committee: Tanya Copeland, Chair**

A discussion about the October Membership meeting ensued. October 7 (a Saturday) was selected as the date for the meeting. Tanya offered her home as the location.

**Membership: Status of Rita Powers**

It was decided that the club will honor Rita Powers' long-term support of our club through the following:

- She will be named as a "Friend to Racheff" where her name will be engraved on a plaque and mounted in the meeting room. (Cost \$76)
- We will hold our September meeting at Racheff where this will be announced.
- The Lakemoor Hills Garden Club will pay her annual dues for our club from this year forward. Janie Bitner directed us to research membership fees related to long-time members. We may just owe TFGC/KCCGC the \$7/member.

**Program Committee: Kim Overman**

**There was general discussion about programs for 2023-24. A draft of the programs was developed.**

**Adjournment**

**Gina Bond moved and Sharon Gerkin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.**

**Submitted by Kathy Proctor**

**Program:**

**The club visited the Kitchen Garden at Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center with docent Debbie Dickie, a certified herbalist (in Europe). The garden consisted of edible plants and medicinal herbs that supported the settlers in Cades Cove in the 1800s. Ms. Dickie gave a very educational explanation of all the plants and their uses. Seeds from these heritage plants will be available at the Tuckaleechee Plant Sale in the spring of 2024. The group then took a tour of the Townsend Riverwalk and Arboretum developed by the Tuckaleechee Garden Club. Janie Bitner, Div. IV Director led the tour and gave us the history of this project. Both garden developments were greatly enjoyed by Lakemoor Hills members and we fellowshipped afterwards at the Peaceful Side Social.**